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# LSUS home to Pirates summer training camp

by **David Raiford**
*Staff Writer*

After months of negotiations between the Shreveport Pirates and LSUS, it was announced at a news conference Tuesday that LSUS will be the home of the Pirates' 1995 training camp.

The announcement is the culmination of over four months of negotiations between the school and the Pirates' organization — negotiations that a large portion of the faculty knew nothing about.

According to LSUS Athletic Director Larry Rambin, the Pirates will have full use of three of the school's playing fields and limited use of the H&PE building. In addition, the Pirates will use the University Court Apartments to house their players May 28-June 29. In addition, the Canteen will feed the team three times a day, seven days a week for the duration of their stay.

What does the school receive in return? Details are sketchy. However, Rambin said LSUS will receive $10,000 for the use of the H&PE building and the fields. Neither Jeff Langen, director of the University Court Apartments, nor Barbara Landen, of LSUS food services, would say how much their respective departments are receiving.

Lonnie Glieberman, president of the Pirates, refused to comment about any money paid to LSUS by the team. "I'm not trying to be evasive," said Glieberman. "We just don't discuss financial agreements."

How did LSUS come into consideration as home of the Pirates' training camp? Shortly after the end of the Pirates regular season in November, Pirates coach Forrest Gregg discussed LSUS as a possible training site with Dr. Kyle Pierce, assistant professor of Health and Physical Education.

"It was after the season, and Coach Gregg approached me and said 'Hey, you work out at LSUS don't you?' After talking with him about it (coming to LSUS), I arranged a meeting between Coach Gregg and the Chancellor," Pierce said.

Pierce said he wasn't sure who the proper person to contact about handling a deal with the Pirates was, so he decided to talk to Chancellor Darling.

"The Chancellor told me he would meet with Coach Gregg," said Pierce. "After a couple of meetings between [them], the Chancellor took things over."

Pierce said Darling contacted Rambin last December to arrange a meeting with the Pirates organization.

From those meetings, the groundwork for bringing the Pirates here was laid. According to Gregg, the Pirates were considering several other locations for thecamp. He said he was sure about wanting to come to LSUS in December. Gregg told Darling and Rambin that he wanted the deal secured by Christmas.

Rambin said one point of contention during negotiations between LSUS and the Pirates was the manner in which the school would be

See Pirates, P.8

Photo by David Raiford

***Shreveport Pirates President Lonnie Glieberman and LSUS Chancellor John Darling field questions from the press Tuesday after announcing the Pirates will hold their summer training camp on campus.***

# Measure passed to restructure administration

by **Darren Svan**
*Associate Editor*

The Council of Chairs, Council of Deans and the Faculty Senate unanimously approved a recommendation to streamline the current administrative structure. The new structure will address the lack of academic interest in the Executive Council.

**Darling**

Chancellor John Darling said he was neither for nor against the recommendation.

The decision making process of the university is currently structured so that the Executive Council advises Darling about decisions involving university affairs.

Some faculty and administrators feel that the Executive Council goes beyond just an advisory role.

"It's (the Executive Council) an advisory group to me, not a decision making body," said Darling, at a Faculty Senate meeting March 15. "They are not a voting body."

According to memorandum written by Dr. William Mitchell, professor of computer science, "We are all aware that formally the Executive Council and the Dean's Council are advisory to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, respectively, to circumvent the open meetings laws. However, there seems to be no doubt that 'approval' by these bodies, however obtained, is requisite for policy and budgetary decisions on this campus."

Members of the Executive Council are: Dr. John Darling; Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor of student affairs; Dr. Patricia Bates, vice chancellor of academic affairs; Dr. Michael Ferrell, vice chancellor of business affairs; Leonard Selber, vice chancellor of university affairs.

On Feb. 15, the Council of Chairs unanimously approved the following recommendation:

"The Council of Chairs is concerned that academic needs at LSU-Shreveport are not being addressed in a timely fashion by the Executive Council. The Council of Chairs is, furthermore, concerned that the current me mbership of the Executive Council overrepresents nonacademic interests.

"It is the recommendation of the Council of Chairs that the composition of the Executive Council be changed to include the Deans and Provost exclusively (majority opinion)."

On March 8, the Council of Deans also unanimously signed a recommendation to streamline the current administrative structure. According to the recommendation, the new structure will "address the needs of the university and its constituents.

This structure will:

- Promote the core mission of the university;
- clarify the decision making authority;
- improve the efficiency of the institution, and;
- clarify and enhance the external role of chancellor."

According to the recommendation, the deans and the provost would be the only members of the Executive Council. Also, the titles of vice chancellor for student affairs, business affairs and university relations will change to "director."

"I think there is a level of frustration at the university," said Dr. Lyle Cook, dean, college of sciences. "It is a document that all the deans could agree on; it's probably not the best solution. It was a vehicle to bring attention to the frustration."

During a special meeting of the Faculty Senate March 15, a motion was recognized by members of the senate:

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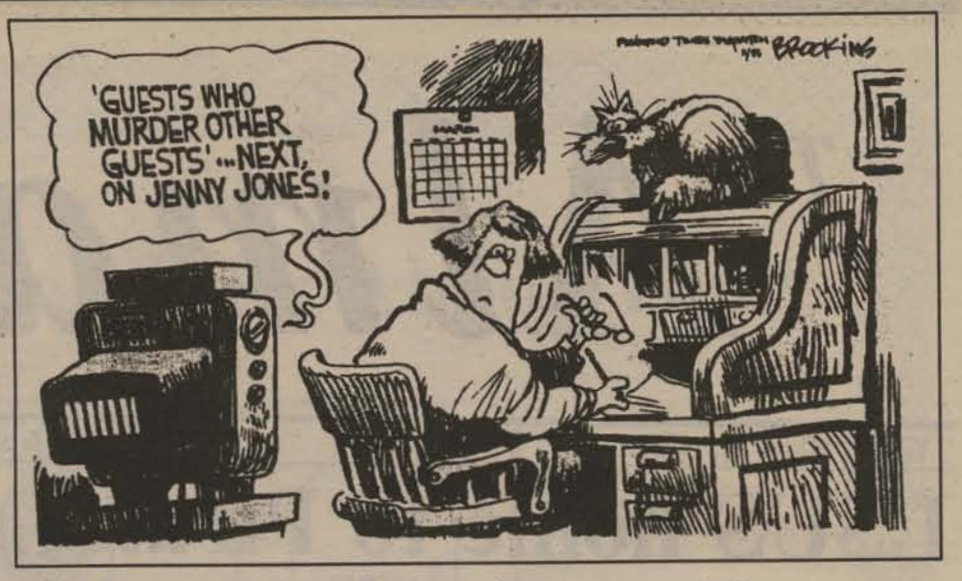


## From the Editor

# Administration, faculty need to grow up

I guess I had placed the faculty and administration of this University on a pedestal.

Why shouldn't I? Our professors are among the best around, and our administration, well, they are too, right?

I don't doubt that they are the best, but one of the hardest things to remember about these people is that they are just that - people, human beings, mere mortals.

Nonetheless, I was disappointed to see the bickering and bureaucracy that blazed across the tables and even reached into the audience at a recent Faculty Senate meeting.

Please, act like adults.

The Student Government can get away with acting like kids because they are not that far away from the age group, and some even act younger.

But more is expected from the leaders of this institution. How can students learn how to be the leaders of tomorrow when their role models are whining about what they want, but know they cannot have?

That is not standing up for what you believe in. That is just ridiculous.

This is one of my last chances to sound off as the Editor of *The Almagest*, so I will waste no time in saying that I have learned an enormous amount from this institution, most if which was not found in a textbook.

It also cannot be said enough: get involved, it makes a world of difference.

**Alexis Alexander**

# *Almagest* endorses Braud

This is the last day to voice your opinion on campus. VOTE!

The motto around this school may be apathy, but it's time to shed the "coach potato" syndrome and vote for the best candidate.

In a political age of double-talking, mudslinging, and partisan bickering leaders, we have discovered one example of a slightly level headed guy.

John Braud has spent several semesters working with the Student Government Association. First as a senator, and then as vice president, John has exemplified the idea of a good leader. He has risen above his peers in respectability and fairness.

After experiencing the zoo-like atmosphere at several of the SGA meetings, *The Almagest* feels that you should cast your vote for a breath of fresh air - John Braud.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*The Almagest* requests your reactions through Letters to the Editor. Letters should be typed and double spaced. Please include your class and major field of study. Letters should be submitted to *The Almagest* office, BH 344, by noon on Fridays. Obscene, libelous and anonymous letters will not be printed. *The Almagest* reserves the right to edit all letters.

**We'll ask one more time. Do you want to write for the paper? Well, do you? Call us 797-5328.**

# Clinton's foreign policy still not up to standards

First North Korea, now Iraq. Clinton has really got this foreign policy stuff down, doesn't he?

Let's take a look at what the main stream media is not telling us about these two ominous incidents.

**Chuck Phillips**

When a U.S. Army helicopter was shot down after straying into North Korean airspace, one person was killed and the other was held as a bargaining chip, I mean a prisoner, until Clinton allowed the United Nations to give in to North Korean demands that fuel shipments be resumed. Never mind the fact that it has been reported that those same fuel shipments are being used to power the Soviet built tanks of the North Korean Army.

Now, Saddam Hussein is holding two American civilians hostage for "illegally entering Iraq." They have been sentenced to eight years in prison for this transgression. What is Clinton doing? Well, he said that he will try diplomatic channels to get the Americans released. Sounds pretty good so far. But what was this report I heard on "CBS This Morning," on March 27? Something about the Iraqi legislature saying there is no room for negotiations if the United Nations will allow Iraq to sell some of its oil in the open market.

Now that sounds like a Slick Willy special to me. Get the United Nations to do your dirty work for you so that you do not appear to be backing down in the face of an impotent sand flea.

What type of message does this send to all of the third rate nations in the world that hate the United States? That we can be brought to our knees over cowardly acts such as these?

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Americans have been able to breathe easier in the knowledge that a nuclear war is not just a diplomatic blunder away. We have become complacent and have failed to see the real threats this nation faces.

The threats of today come from nations such as Iraq and North Korea. Terrorists continue to target the United States and we do nothing about it. Oh yeah, we hunt them down once the deed has been done. Sometimes we catch them and sometimes we don't, but we do nothing to discourage it from happening in the first place. How do we do that? Send a strong message to those cowards that would harm innocent people. Do not deal with them, attack and destroy them before they destroy us.

Think about it. The United States is the moral conscience of the world. We are the ones that are called when trouble flares. We are the ones that send money and medical supplies when tragedy strikes. Regardless of your political beliefs, we all have in common the fact that we are citizens of the greatest nation in the history of the world. Should not our leaders then reflect our place in history?

We cannot allow people to push around our nation by taking Americans, or anyone else for that matter, hostage. We cannot turn into an isolationist nation that shucks it's responsibility to the world. We must take a stand for the beliefs and values that made our nation great and we must tell the President that if he is going to give concessions to nations to free our hostages, then be a man about it and admit that he is the one doing it and not hide behind the skirt of the United Nations.

I am not saying that the Iran-Contra scandal was right, but at least those involved had the guts to do something personally instead of acting as cowardly as those that kidnap innocent people.

We defeated the Iraqis once and we can easily do it again. Do you honestly think that old Saddam doesn't know that? The only reason he is acting up now is because he knows that Clinton has not shown the grit it takes to be an effective leader of this land. Hussein is gambling on Clinton's past record and is once again trying to humiliate America. It is time to wake up, people. Wake up to the reality of politicians that have lied their way to the top and stay there only by the grace of the media. Sooner or later, regardless of what party is in control, if we do not check our leaders then this type of behavior will lead to a one world government and I guarantee it won't be an American in charge.

Don't be fooled into believing that cowardice is the same as diplomacy. Only when strength and meaning back up diplomacy will it work.

# The Almajoke

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# Giant chicken terrorizes LSUS; still clucking

*from Staff Reports*

**•Evil bird's violent spree leaves 12 dead, 18 injured**

After an *Almagest* writer nominated the chicken to be the school's new mascot, tragedy transpired and the seemingly friendly fowl grew to monstrous proportions and rampaged the University.

A total of 12 students died at the talons of the cheerless chicken. Eighteen students and faculty were injured during the 40 foot fowl's fear-filled frenzy Thurs., March 30.

"I was so scared. I ran and ran, then I just fell down and cried. I knew the chicken had gotten the best of me, so I just prayed, 'Oh, sweet Jesus, please don't let it end this way,'" said Blain Kirschenbauer, sophomore business major.

"I guess there's just a higher plan for my life because as soon as the chicken heard my words of devotion, he left me alone," Kirschenbauer added.

"There's no explanation for this. I just keep asking myself, 'Why?' If only I hadn't made that silly suggestion. If only I'd thought this through. Chickens are supposed to fry, not represent a university. I guess that was just too much responsibility for a 7 lb. bird," said a remorseful Heather Tuggle, the now infamous columnist whose selfish whim caused the world to lose 12 of its most promising leaders.

"I'm so sorry. I didn't know chickens reacted so violently when put in positions of power and prestige. I blame myself for not getting to know the bird I loved a little better before singing his praises," Tuggle added.

The giant chicken is still at large, but will face criminal poultrycution once apprehended. Police have searched the blood-drenched crime scene, but still have no clue as to the whereabouts of the 300 pound bird. However, rumors of a similar attack in the former Yugoslovia have surfaced.

Friends and relatives of the chicken's victims (and a local Tyson processing plant) are seeking the death penalty. But members of Citizens Hate Inhumane Chicken Killers (CHICK), a newly formed animal rights group, said that while they understand the families' pain, they see no need to execute the bird.

"Chickens just don't grow to that kind of size and go on rampages in the wild. He was obviously part of some clandestine experiment going on at the school. Probably something to do with lipstick or perfume. After he escaped he could only identify humans as the ones who tortured

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# Pick Chancellor's future travel destination

The Chancellor announced this week that because of his many recent trips to out-of-state colleges his frequent flyer miles have run out.

"This really isn't news, but my family and I have visited so many of these other schools recently, our frequent flyer points have just run out."

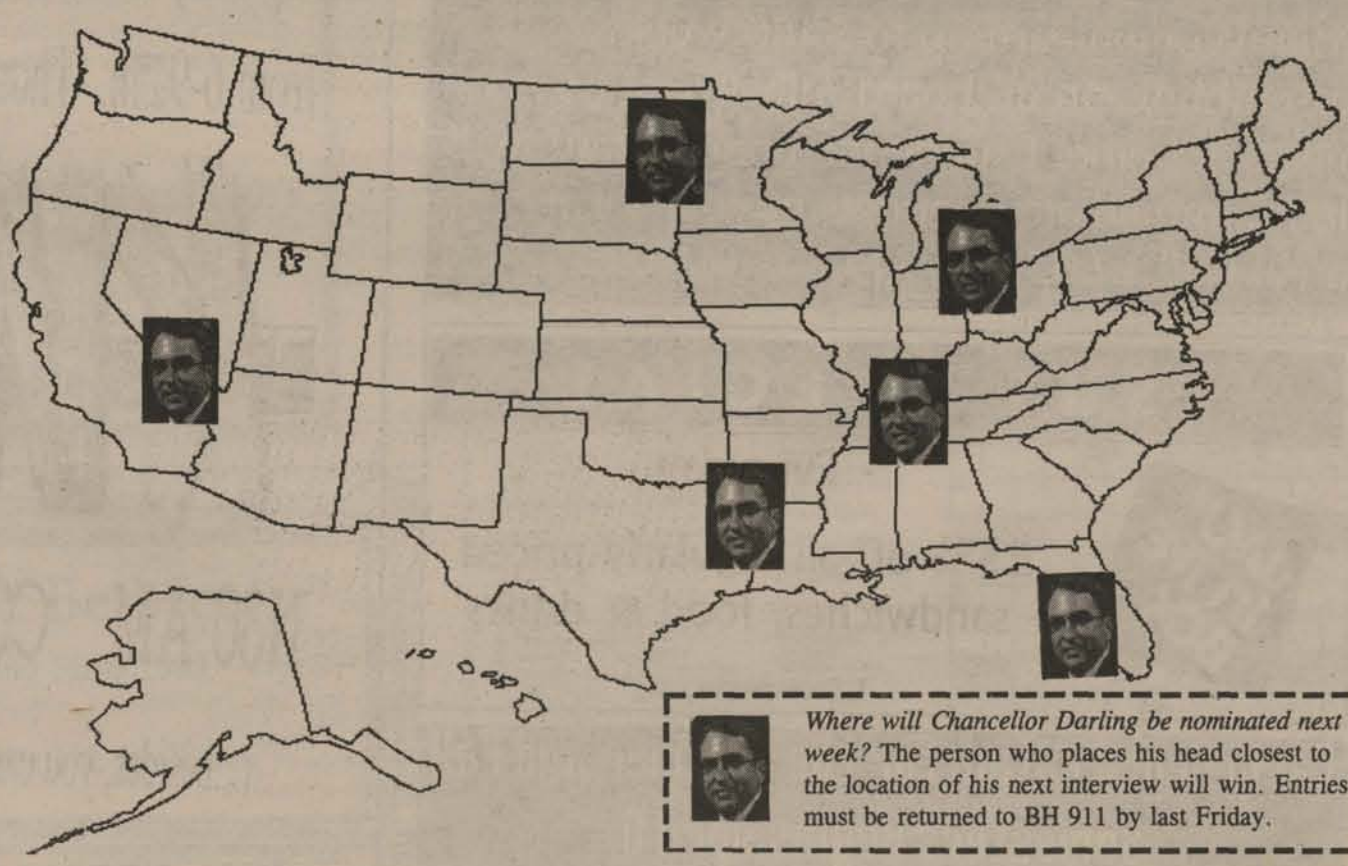
"When the Mrs. and I pack up the dog and our seven suitcases each, well, the airlines are charging so much these days," the Chancellor said.

To enter, simply pin the Chancellor's head on the map at the location closest to where you believe he will be nominated next.

The winner will receive a signed and framed commemorative copy of *The Almajoke* along with a six-piece box of fried chicken legs. The Chancellor will receive an all expenses paid (one-way) trip to the college of his choice.

Entries must be submitted to *The Almajoke* office, BH 911, by last Friday. The winner will be announced in a future edition of *The Almajoke*.

Staff, relatives and immediate family of *The Almajoke* are not eligible to enter.





*Where will Chancellor Darling be nominated next week?* The person who places his head closest to the location of his next interview will win. Entries must be returned to BH 911 by last Friday.

# What has your SGA done for you lately?

**Clint Land**
**David Raiford**
*Commentary*

Students are faced with interesting issues each semester, and this semester was no different.

Our Chancellor was examining his career options. A girl faked an abduction from the parking lot. The Shreveport Pirates are moving into our dorms. And another Student Government election was put before us.

If you are the average student at LSUS, then you probably don't care. You probably didn't vote in the last election, and it's likely you wouldn't know the SGA president if he rolled up beside you and spit in your face.

*The Almagest* opinion staff, in yet another gesture of goodwill towards the SGA, is willing to offer any of the future politicians with designs on becoming an SGA member some name recognition. We'll even print your comments on any issue if you do one thing: DO SOMETHING FOR THE STUDENT BODY! We are tired of hearing complaints about the SGA not receiving attention from *The Almagest*.

No one knows who you are because you sit over in the UC every Tuesday afternoon and do nothing. At least nothing visible, and certainly nothing notable.

If you are in the SGA and you read this, don't write or call *The Almagest* with lists of all of the points of order on the record or of the issues and bills you passed. That does nothing for us. Let the student body know what's going on over there in your little world by being in touch with those you represent.

To be sure, there have been many issues that concern the students, the paying customers of this university. There have been many times when decisions were made regarding us directly. There have been many times when we should have been represented.

Here is a sample of issues and problems from this past year, issues the SGA should have been more involved in:

- The proficiency exam, also known as the thing that would not die, reared its ugly head again.
- The parking situation for students is still a disaster. Every day dozens of empty parking spaces bask in the sunlight of the faculty lots, while students hover nearby waiting for an opportunity to fight for a spot in the student lots.
- Programs are being cut due to the apparent money shortages the school suffers from; programs like the communication center, where children receive much needed therapy and where communications students receive much need clinical experience.
- The recent decision by the Chancellor to involve the university in the business of professional football, regardless of what the students or faculty may think about it.

**Do you know any activities the SGA sponsors?**

"Don't they hold the student court or handle the student judicial system?"

**Jennifer Richardson**
**Senior**
**Business/Psychology**

Yes indeed, it would have been nice if we would have had a voice. It would have been nice if those we elected would have taken an interest in something other than attending a fancy party at the Chancellor's house or boning up on Robert's Rules of Order.

What were your elected representatives doing? Good question.

**Why aren't you more familiar with the SGA?**

"I haven't seen much publicized about them. There's not a lot of information about them so everybody would know."

**Reginald Paige**
**Senior, Chemistry**

As near as we can tell they did meet, almost every week. As near as we can tell there was a lot of "point of ordering" going on and not much else.

Since we missed some of the meetings,(if you can't sleep, go to one), we thought we would offer our two-cents worth for next weeks meeting.

Point of order Mr. President:

How many people showed up for Homecoming this year? 75? Maybe no one showed up because you didn't want to waste OUR student funds on advertising for the event. Hold it! We know why, it must have rained and washed away the chalk drawn messages on the sidewalk.

Point of order Mr. President:

You said you were going to check into the lack of library funds and see if you could find out why there won't be certain magazines on the shelves next semester. Did you get around to it?

Point of order Mr. President:

The SGA does an awful lot of talking in their meetings about what "their" constituents want, but what do they do?

A good start might be to find out what the student body thinks. A certain senator recently called *The Almagest* concerning an issue she thought would be best determined by the students. Good idea! That was only because she only had one class and couldn't get a grip on what the student body wanted from the few people she knew.

What our SGA has become is a replica of any high school student government in the country. An organization where the credo is, "don't rock the boat, lest you offend the administration." That might mean the loss of a nifty recommendation letter from the Chancellor. Yes, the motto of our SGA is "Go along to get along."

**Do you know who the SGA President is?**

"No. I don't pay attention."

**Jeff Rymer**
**Sophomore**
**Criminal Justice**

The worst part is that we don't care.

If we did, more than one person would have run for SGA President last year. If we did, more of us would have voted, and as pathetic as this sounds, more of us would know who the SGA President is.

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# Chicken vies for position

by **Drew White**
*Almajoke*

Citing a "Gross under-representation of poultry in academia," a stray chicken has chosen LSUS as an affirmative action test case.

"I'm doubly qualified for the position of Chancellor under existing affirmative action guidelines as I am both a woman and a chicken," continued the chicken.

The chicken went on to say that her owner, Farmer Bob, should be happy to own a chicken that is in such great demand. "Bob keeps complaining that I'm never around the henhouse, but I've been interviewed by several different Universities."

When pressed for her name, the chicken claimed that Farmer Bob had never gotten around to it. "You don't name anything you might have to eat," the chicken said. *Editors note: Mr. White was among the first victims of the chicken rampage described on page 3.*

The following is a list of schools reportedly interested in the same chicken currently interviewing for Chancellor Darling's position. Interestingly enough, all schools listed by the chicken have some previous avian experience.

- South Carolina Gamecocks
- Temple Owls
- Boston College Eagles
- St. Joseph's Hawks
- Southern Utah Thunderbirds
- Niagara Purple Eagles
- Youngstown State Penguins

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# Students receive tuition assistance from Pirates

by **Drew White**
*Almajoke*

Students summering at University Court Apartments will receive tuition assistance for working for the Shreveport Pirates.

"We'll need waterboys, blocking dummies, crack-resistant wide-receivers, and a public relations director with a sense of humor," said Head Coach Forrest Gregg.

"The blocking dummies should be some of your younger students," explained Gregg. "If their bones have fully ossified, they may break too easily."

This insistence on flexible blocking dummies is due in part to an IRS lien on the Pirate's football equipment. According to a Pirates employee who insisted on remaining anonymous, "We may be playing without pads for the first few games, or until we sell $600 thousand worth of tickets."

Practicing against unprotected opponents is not intended to improve the Pirates' skills as much as it is intended to give the training staff much needed trauma practice.

The tuition assistance package was proposed by Chancellor John Darling, who refused comment on this and any other Pirates-related questions. When asked how students might qualify for the program, Darling insisted that this was not newsworthy.

With allegedly crack-addled wide receiver Mark Duper escaping a drug conviction recently, the team may need a stand in for practice until he returns.

Although released by the team last season, Duper has been contacted by the Pirates regarding a new contract. "Ideally, we would want somebody who is very fast, but cannot run in a straight line, and has lots of trouble concentrating on the plays as we are running them," said Coach Gregg.

"Our first choice here would be a former track athlete who has developed a serious inner ear infection, and attention deficit disorder. We have no way of knowing if Duper will join the team this year, and can't be sure if he'll be with us when he's with us, if you know what I mean," the coach said.

The opening up of her position as Director of Public Relations seemed to catch only Missy Setters by surprise.

"I'll probably return to my old job, bludgeoning seals," said Setters, "It's so much more relaxing than dealing with moron journalists."

# Chicken invades campus

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him cosmetically. It wasn't his fault, it was ours! Society is at fault!" said Niagra Moon, president of CHICK.

"Ms. Moon's accusations are ludicrous," said Sunny Morgan, LSUS' public relations coordinator. "Maybe chickens would not normally grow to such epic proportions, but who knows?

"Maybe this is, like, some new breed or something from our enemies in Canada. And, please, get real. Like our school would be conducting scholarly research in an area as totally important as make-up. That little hippy reject just needs to a life and stop moaning about birds. Like she never ever pulled a wishbone after a romantic catfish and barbeque chicken picnic in the back of her high school boyfriend's pick-up. I mean, who hasn't? Hey, this is off the record, right?" said Morgan.

Amid all the mystery and controversy, the fact remains that 12 students were killed, 18 maimed and many families distraught. Regardless of the fate of the 40 foot chicken, LSUS will be changed forever.

Heather Tuggle will get her wish and our school will eternally be remembered as "the chicken college."

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**
1 Pupil of Socrates
6 Horse home
12 Approach
13 Duplicated
14 Whist's cousin
15 Beat, in a race
16 Certain
17 Salamander
19 Genetic stuff
20 Pillow fill
22 Blue
24 "Exodus" hero
27 Pleasant
29 Peat growth
32 "Joy to the World" group
35 Synthesizer maker
36 Advantage
37 Expanse
38 Count on them: abbr.
40 Olympics weapon
42 Rose-to-be
44 Lock of hair
46 Whip
50 Runs off to marry
52 In slow time
54 Car part
55 Observing
56 Glued
57 Adolescents

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2 Den
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4 Harbor boat
5 Dentist's request
6 Garbage boat
7 Race tipsters
8 Fitting
9 Follows carefully
10 Far from fatty
11 Actress — May Oliver
12 They're made of ozs.
18 Cryptogram writer
21 Singleton
23 Paris pal
24 Bank's money machine: abbr.
25 Greek letter
26 Fireplace log holders
28 Parmigiana veggie
30 Haggard novel
31 Depot: abbr.
33 One type of trip?
34 Maiden name preceder
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49 Greedy eater
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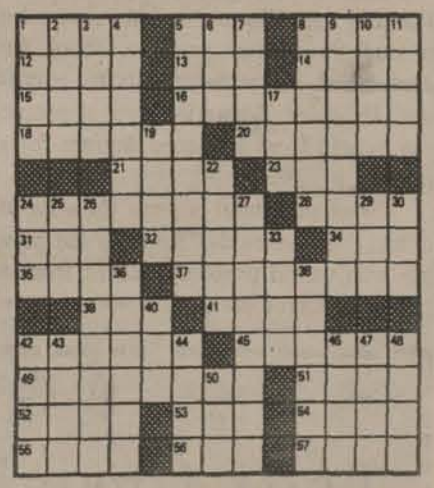

# Graduate school: is it for you?

by **Heather Tuggle**
*Associate Editor*

In May 1993, Melissa Rufty had reached the point for which undergraduates spend at least four years preparing. She had earned her bachelor's degree. With a degree in psychology, she was ready to face the job market. But there was one problem.

"Every time I took a job," she said, "I found I wasn't happy with it. To find the kind of job I want, I need to have a graduate degree.

"Every time I interviewed for a job I really wanted, the employer would say, 'You've got the G.P.A., you've got a good attitude, but you need the background knowledge a graduate degree gives you,'" Rufty said.

When she graduated, Rufty needed a little time to decide exactly what kind of career she was interested in pursuing. After a year and a half in the job market, Rufty, 24, decided to go back to school to pursue a graduate degree in the College of Education's Specialist for In-School Psychologist program. Today, she is a full-time graduate student who divides her time between classes, studies and a part-time job.

The graduate student's schedule is grueling, at best. Rufty said that while she enjoys her studies and knows that the hard work will pay off in the future, graduate school is not an endeavor she would recommend to everyone.

"It's not for everybody. If you're making Cs and Ds in your 300 and 400 level classes and skipping class a lot,then you'll never be able to making in graduate school with those habits," she said.

"In my degree plan, you can only make two Cs before they kick you out of the program. You've got to learn to put you're studies first, be really focused and you must be committed to your studies 100 percent," Rufty added.

Dr. Bill Stowe, director of Career Planning and Placement, said that a lot of students consider graduate school. He agrees with Rufty that it's not for everyone. However, Stowe said lots of people can benefit from advanced degrees for a number of reasons.

"Graduate school is great for a lot of things," Stowe said. "Some of the people who would probably benefit from a graduate degree are people who want to prepare a professional career, people who want to become instructors at the college level, people who want to go into business management, and, of course, students who plan to pursue a career in law or medicine. But, it's also great for people who are interested in knowledge for knowledge's sake."

Jan Elkins, health reporter for Channel 3, graduated from the Master of Liberal Arts program last May. Elkins said that she decided to attain an advanced degree not because she wanted to change careers or get a pay raise, but because she wanted to broaden her mind.

"I have a job that is challenging and that I enjoy, but because I didn't want to grow stale or stagnant. I really just wanted to expand my options," she said. "I didn't want to be the type of person who didn't take advantage of every learning opportunity I had.

"There are some businesses in which pay may increase with advanced degrees, but that certainly wasn't my motivation," Elkins said. "I think you need to go into a master's program not from the aspect of gaining more prestige, more money or more power. I realized so much personal satisfaction from setting a goal and accomplishing a goal just for me."

For students who want to pursue a master's degree from the "knowledge for knowledge's" sake standpoint, the MLA program is usually the way to go, according to Dr. Wilfred Guerin, director of the MLA program.

"This program is not necessarily and not essentially for people who want help in getting a job, but it will help someone perform on the job," Guerin said.

"The real premise of this program is to help a person be more broadly educated and to help a person get into subject matters that, as an undergraduate, they didn't get to study as much as they wanted. But, the personal growth can tie into career enhancement," Guerin said.

Whether a person plans on pursuing a degree for reasons related to career advancement or for personal growth, Stowe said there are a few guidelines that anyone who is thinking about graduate school should consider.

"You will be working hard," he said, "60 -80 hours a week for at least two years, so it had better be something you enjoy. You need to have a clear-cut goal to know why you're going."

Stowe said that while a graduate degree can be personally and financially rewarding, students should not feel like they will not be able to find a job unless they have an advanced degree.

"In any career, you need to continue to learn and update your knowledge, but that can be done by attending conferences and workshops or by simply getting more on the job experience. It does not have to be done with graduate school," Stowe said. "In many careers, a bachelor's degree is still a good entry-level background."

Stowe said that students who are seriously considering pursuing an advanced degree need to research the different programs offered by various graduate schools before they graduate. The library has a number of graduate school catalogs on file, he said, and the Career Center has information on how to choose a graduate program.

Stowe also said students should begin applying to the schools they like one to two semesters before the semester they plan to begin graduate studies. He also suggested that a student should take the graduate school admissions test before they graduate, even if they don't plan on attending graduate school until a few years after graduation. This will help the student do better on admissions tests because "it's amazing how much general knowledge you can forget after a couple of years," Stowe said.

Stowe also suggested that a prospective graduate student speak with people who are doing the job they want to do to see if an advanced degree is needed and, if so, what's best to study. Professors can also be very helpful in giving a student advice on what kind of degree to pursue, Stowe said. The Career Center can also give students ideas on how to fund advanced study.

**Thinking of going to grad school?**
**Bill Stowe, director of Career Planning and Placement, said you need to look at these three things first:**

1. **Goals** — Does attaining my goal require a graduate degree?
2. **Interest** — You're going to put in a lot of hard work. This must be something you're very interested in and you're willing to work at.
3. **Timing** — Is this the proper time for me to pursue an advanced degree, or would it be better for me to wait a while before going to graduate school?

If you need help deciding whether or not grad school's for you, or if you want some help deciding what degree plan is best for you,. contact the Career Center at 797-5062.

## Taylor: 'Instead of becoming a great rock star, I became a teacher'

by **Tricia Webb**
*Contributing Writer*

If you're having trouble paying your tuition, maybe you could try singing your way through college.

That's how one professor earned extra cash for her schooling. Dr. Helen Taylor, assistant professor of English, said she enjoyed singing and earned quite a bit of money.

"I'm surprised I got the kind of degree I did, because most of the time I was rehearsing with the band," Taylor said.

Taylor came to America from London at the age of 21. She got her master's degree in Massachusetts, and her Ph.D. degree in Connecticut. Both degrees are in English literature.

Taylor met her husband, Steven, in Massachusetts. The couple moved to Shreveport after Steven found a teaching position at Centenary. As luck would have it, Taylor found a job here soon after.

Taylor said she didn't think when she came to America that she wanted to become a teacher. "When I first came over here, I thought two years in the states would be a lot of fun. I had tried to get advertising and publishing jobs, but I didn't find that particularly interesting," she said.

Taylor said once she tried teaching, she liked it so much she decided to stick with it. "Instead of becoming a great rock star, I became a teacher," Taylor joked. She said teaching and singing have a lot in common because both require performances.

Taylor said she still considers herself to be British. So far, she has not applied for American citizenship.

"I don't think I'll ever go for citizenship, because I don't feel like an American. I still feel British, so I want to keep my British passport," Taylor said.

She said she still has strong ties with her family back in London, but she likes America, and plans to have a family here one day.

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# Faculty Senate votes 'yes'

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"The Faculty Senate affirms the need for administrative restructuring at LSUS and notes with concern the limited number of academic representatives on the Executive Council as currently constituted."

The senate went into executive session and agreed on - but did not vote on - a slightly modified version of the original recommendation: "The Faculty Senate strongly supports the organization principals identified unanimously by the recommendations passed by the Council of Chairs on Feb. 15 and the Council of Deans on March 8."

Darling said, "At this stage I'm neutral. Once this recommendation comes forth we will in all likelihood establish a task force or council to look at the entire campus. Whether this one is the right one or not, it's just one of many different ways the campus can be organized."

At the next Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, March 29, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution to restructure the decision making process in the administration.

"We passed a resolution that in affect endorses the restructuring called for by the deans and chairs. It specifically calls for the elimination of the Executive Council in the chain of decision making," Said Dr. Milton Finley, president of the Faculty Senate. "It was never the intention that the plan they (Chairs Council) put foreword should absolutely be put in concrete. We wanted the problem of nonacademic representation addressed."

# Juvenile violence examined in National Issues Forum

A National Issues Forum (NIF) discussing the topic "Kids Who Commit Crimes: What Should Be Done About Juvenile Violence?" is scheduled to be held April 6 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

Dr. Norman Dolch, professor of history and social sciences, is the organizer and moderator of the forum. He said students and faculty interested in participating in the forum can purchase a study guide in the University Bookstore for $3.95. The study guide contains information about the various cause of juvenile crime and possible courses of action to take in order to solve the problem. Dolch encourages participants to be familiar with the study guide before attending the forum.

Dolch said the first 20 minutes of the forum will be devoted to establishing ground rules. He said participants need to understand the key facts and they must be willing to respect the perspectives of others. "You can express your own opinion, but attacks on others are not allowed," Dolch said. "The forum is a public dialogue, not a mini-demonstration."

A video tape examining juvenile violence will be shown, then a discussion limited to these three approaches will take place:

- deterrence effect: should we punish juvenile offenders to teach a moral lesson, and show that we won't tolerate brutal acts?
- moral messages: should families, communities, schools and the media — rather than the government — bear responsibility for moral and social standards?
- risk factors: to honestly confront juvenile crime, must we strike at the social ills that breed it ?

After these approaches are discussed, Dolch plans to have participants search for common ground and to try to understand how juvenile violence affects different people.

He wants them to try to find out what makes certain choices difficult for other people, and he said the outcome of the forum should be a shared public idea about beginning plans of action.

Dolch said participants will also be asked to fill out a ballot at the beginning and end of the forum. The ballot will be used to assess the degree to which attitudes and opinions have changed because of dialogue involvement. The ballots are mailed to the Kettering Foundation, which provides staff support to aid NIF in its research efforts.

The results are then conveyed to local, state and national policy makers, according to Dolch.

Dolch said the purpose of the forum is to provide a mechanism for the campus to become more involved with the larger community, and also to provide the campus community with an activity in which both students and faculty can participate.

ing to community issues," Dolch said. "People are made aware of how feelings, values and beliefs both enhance and prevent us from devising plans of action."

Dolch said if campus reaction to this forum is good, the larger community may be invited to participate next year.

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# Pirates to eat, sleep, play football at LSUS

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paid.

According to Rambin, the Pirates wanted to pay for the use of the facilities as the camp progressed. However, the University wanted the team to pay up front. Apparently, a compromise was struck, and according to Sheryl Grey, Pirates legal advisor, the Pirates will pay half of the $10,000 rental fee for the fields and the H&PE building up front and the remaining $5,000 after two weeks of the camp. The $10,000 does not include the use of the University Court and LSUS food services.

Although negotiations with the Pirates had been taking place since December, many faculty members learned about the possibility of a deal between the school and the Pirates a few weeks ago. Among those who just learned of the pact is H&PE coordinator Vickie Gentry.

"I found out about it (the Pirates deal) about two weeks ago," said Gentry. "The first few weeks of the summer is very important, because that is the first week of the first five-week summer term, and more courses are offered at that time than later in the summer," said Gentry.

According to Rambin, the camp will call for intense schedule management, but students should not be inconvenienced.

Dr. Vincent Marsala, dean of continuing education, is also one of those who was surprised to hear of the Pirates' camp.

"I heard about it (the Pirates deal) as a rumor in the hallway," said Marsala.

The use of the LSUS facilities by the Pirates concerns Marsala since the College of Continuing Education uses the fields and the PE building during the summer for some of the programs the College offers.

"We're not sure how this is going to effect our enrollment for the camps," said Marsala.

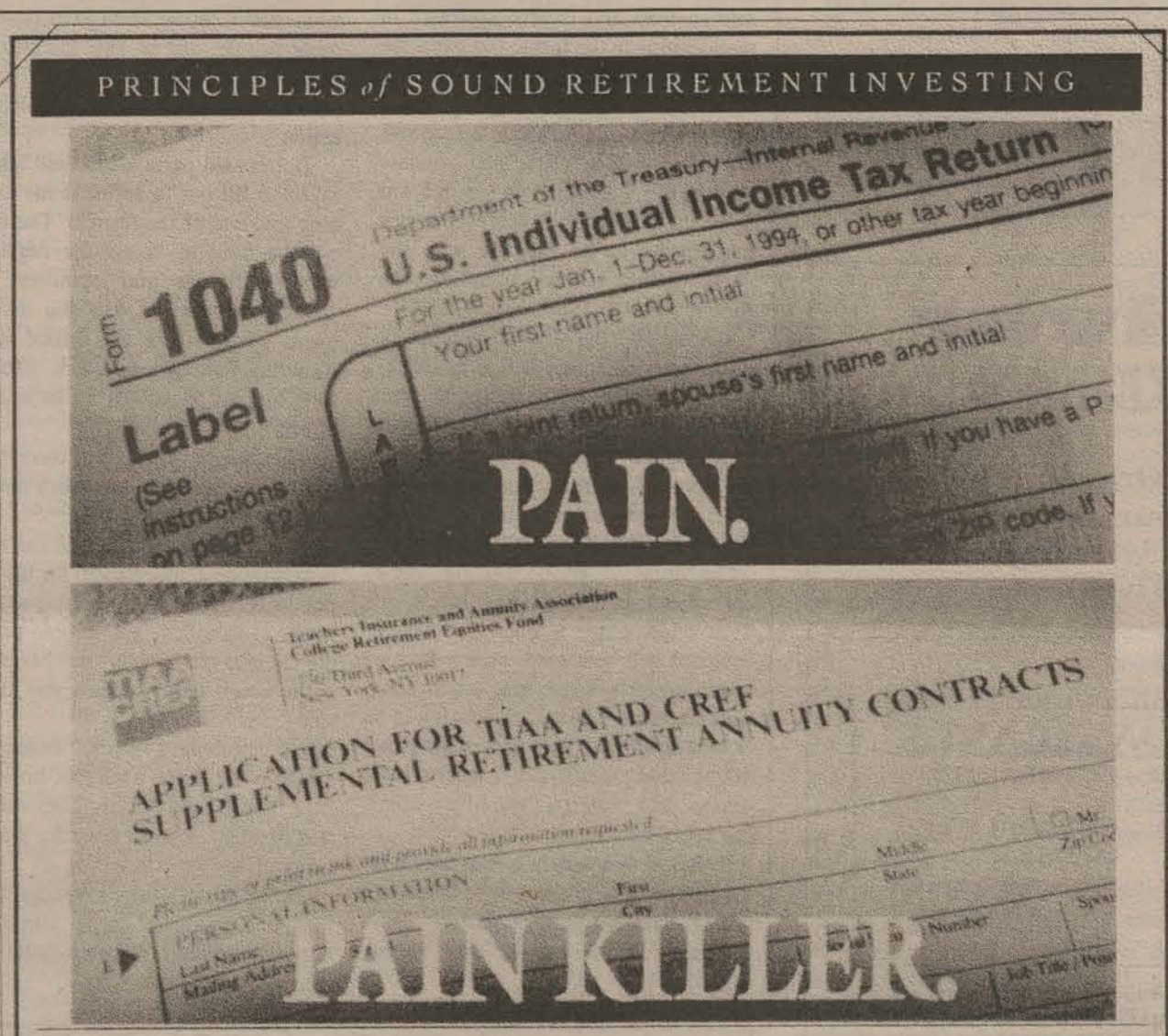
In addition to the scheduling conflicts, Marsala questions the logic of bringing the Pirates to LSUS.

"In my opinion, the H&PE building was built for academics and not for professional athletics," said Marsala.

Darling said he informed the officers of the Faculty Senate "early on" about the negotiations with the Pirates. Darling maintains that if the faculty wanted information about the deal they should have gone to the Faculty Senate. "The Senate is the representative body for the faculty," said Darling.

Faculty Senate President Dr. Milton Finley said he has known that the Pirates could be training here for a couple of months.

"It certainly was no secret," said Finley. He added that the faculty should be consulted if a move by the Administration could affect academics. According to Finley, the Senate was "out of the loop" in the decision process in bringing the Pirates here.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## Student abduction never happened

by **Chuck Phillips**
*Staff Writer*

The alleged abduction of LSUS student Kelly Shell never happened, according to Shreveport Police Information Officer Cindy Chadwick.

Shell, 18, said that she was abducted from the Business and Education building's parking lot around 11:15 a.m., March 14 by a man with a gun.

Shell said the man forced her to drive to west Caddo Parish where she managed to escape. She then drove to Broadmoor Baptist Church, she said, where the police were called.

In a March 16 statement, Chadwick said that Shell recanted her earlier report that she was kidnaped.

According to Chadwick, "police have closed their investigation and are ruling the case unfounded." Chadwick said, "the case will be forwarded to the City Prosecutor's office for review and possible charges.

City Prosecutor Ed Jones said that as of March 27, the case had not been turned over to his office, but that he expects it will be shortly. According to Jones, Shell could face misdemeanor charges.

Sources said police began to suspect Shell's story was false when inconsistencies appeared during multiple interviews with the alleged victim.

Shell declined to comment.

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